



Issue Spotlight: Career and Workforce Education

We are committed to an education system that produces graduates ready to fill high-growth, high-demand careers.

The following bills expand career and workforce education. Please refer to bill texts and analyses for additional information on what each bill does and does not do.

Career Education – HB 7055, Rep. Massullo

- The bill provides students flexibility to pursue advanced career pathways.
- The bill requires the Department of Education to increase public awareness of apprenticeship and preapprenticeship opportunities.
- The bill eliminates industry certifications that are not aligned to industry needs.
- The bill establishes formal career dual enrollment agreements between high schools and career centers.
- The bill allows students with an industry certification to earn two mathematics credits for Algebra I.
- The bill allows a computer science credit to substitute for a mathematics or science credit and requires a biennial review of career education courses for alignment with high school graduation requirements.
- The bill establishes a “College and Career Decision Day” to recognize high school seniors for their postsecondary education and career plans.
- The bill reestablishes a middle grades career planning course requirement.
- The bill revises the school grades formula to recognize career certificate clock hour dual enrollment.
- The bill doubles the cap on career and professional education (CAPE) Digital Tool certificates the State Board of Education may identify for weighted FTE funding.

STATUS: Passed PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee on March 25, 2019

Postsecondary Workforce Education – HB 7071, Rep. Mariano

- The bill creates the “SAIL to 60” Initiative to increase postsecondary credential attainment for working age Floridians. The goal is to raise the percentage of working age adults with a high-value postsecondary certificate, degree, or training experience to 60% by 2030.
- The bill renames the Higher Education Coordinating Council as the Florida Talent Development Council.
- The council will develop a coordinated, data-driven, statewide approach to meet Florida's needs for a 21st century workforce that can help both employers and educators.
- The bill requires the establishment of a reverse transfer agreement between the State University System and the Florida College System (FCS).



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- The bill requires school districts and technical colleges to establish career pathways articulation agreements with the FCS institution in their area.
- The bill creates the Florida Apprenticeship Grant Program to expand existing, and establish new apprenticeship programs.
- The bill requires the Department of Education to publish on its website an annual report to promote these programs and increase transparency.

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